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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. If any fee required to consider this response is missing or deficient, Applicant authorizes the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 423-74.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-3.

Claim 9 is amended.

Claims 1, 5-6, 10 and 12-19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 20-21 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.